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Intelligence Support - Tire Industry

1. The Chairman of the Economic Defense Intelligence Committee (EDIC) has received the following request from the Department of Commerce member and has assigned action responsibility to CIA:

> "In connection with a study of the tire-making industry which is being prepared for Operating Committee review, in anticipation of requests to export US tire-making machinery to the USSR and other European Soviet bloc countries, it would be appreciated if you would provide a coordinated intelligence study of the Soviet bloc tire position, including information such as Soviet bloc production; production plans; vehicle population, current and planned; imports and exports of tires; military as against civilian tire usage and types; production in the Soviet bloc of tire-making machinery, carbon black, tire cord, processing chemicals, and other essentials to tire production; and such other related information as you think might be useful to the Operating Committee in establishing US export control policy in this field."

2. Much of this information is included in the attached 1958 List Review Intelligence Fact Sheet on pneumatic tire casings, based largely on data supplied by the Chemicals Branch. You are requested, to the extent possible with data classified no higher than Secret, to update the fact sheet and integrate any additional data you may have or may be able to obtain in order to fulfill the Commerce requirement.

3. Please submit your coordinated contribution to this office by 6 June 1958.

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